

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 37. (Canceled)

38. (Currently Amended) A video server which is connected to a plurality of control terminals ~~via a first transmission path~~, and which is connected to a plurality of display terminals ~~via a second transmission path~~, the video server comprising:

a first reception unit configured to receive a video request from a first one of the plurality of control terminals ~~via the first transmission path~~, wherein the video request comprises video designation data designating video data to be displayed on a display terminal, display terminal designation data designating a first display terminal on which the video data is to be displayed, and first identification data identifying the first control terminal that transmitted the video request;

a generating unit configured to generate ~~a first character string confirmation data~~ for confirming the first display terminal by a user of the first control terminal;

a confirmation data transmission unit configured to transmit, ~~via the second transmission path~~, the first ~~character string confirmation data~~ generated by said generating unit to the first display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, and to cause the first display terminal to display the first ~~character string confirmation data~~;

a confirmation data reception unit configured to receive ~~a second character string confirmation data~~ from the first control terminal which transmitted the video request received by the first reception unit, wherein the second ~~character string confirmation data~~

is input in the first control terminal by a user confirming based on the first character string confirmation data displayed on the first display terminal, and to receive second identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the second character string confirmation data;

a confirmation unit configured to a) compare the first identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the video request with the second identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the second confirmation data character string, b) to compare the first character string confirmation data transmitted to by said confirmation data transmission unit to cause the first display terminal to display the first confirmation data with the second character string confirmation data input in received from the first control terminal by the user, and c) to confirm that the user of the first control terminal has designated the correct display terminal as an output destination of the video data and that the user has not designated a wrong display terminal as the destination of the video data, according to a comparison result of the comparison a) and the comparison b); and

a video data transmission unit configured to transmit, via the second transmission path, the video data designated by the video designation data to the first display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, to display the video data, if the video server confirms that the user of the first control terminal has correctly designated the first display terminal according to a the confirmation result of the confirmation c).

43. (Currently Amended) An information transmission method for a video server which is connected to a plurality of control terminals ~~via a first transmission path~~, and which is connected to a plurality of display terminals ~~via a second transmission path~~, the method comprising the video server performing the steps of:

a first reception step of receiving a video request from a first one of the plurality of control terminals ~~via the first transmission path~~, wherein the video request comprises video designation data designating video data to be displayed on a display terminal, display terminal designation data designating a first display terminal on which the video data is to be displayed, and first identification data identifying the first control terminal that transmitted the video request;

a generation step of generating a first character string confirmation data for confirming the first display terminal by a user of the first control terminal;

a confirmation data transmission step of transmitting, ~~via the second transmission path~~, the first character string confirmation data generated by said generation step to the first display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, and causing the first display terminal to display the first character string confirmation data;

a confirmation data reception step of receiving a second character string confirmation data from the first control terminal which transmitted the video request received by the first reception step, wherein the second character string confirmation data is input in the first control terminal by a user confirming based on the first character string confirmation data displayed on the first display terminal, and receiving second identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the second character string confirmation data;

a confirmation step of a) comparing the first identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the video request with the second identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the second ~~confirmation data character string~~, b) comparing the the first ~~character string confirmation data~~ transmitted to in the confirmation data transmission step to cause the first display terminal, to display the first confirmation data with the second ~~character string confirmation data input in received from~~ the first control terminal by the user, and c) confirming that the user of the first control terminal has designated the correct display terminal as an output destination of the video data and that the user has not designated a wrong display terminal as the destination of the video data, according to a comparison result of the comparison a) and the comparison b); and

a video data transmission step of transmitting, via the second transmission path, the video data designated by the video designation data to the first display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, to display the video data, if the video server confirms that the user of the first control terminal has correctly designated the first display terminal according to a ~~the confirmation result of the confirmation c).~~

44. to 47. (Canceled)